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CAMPAIGN

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1. UNPERTURBED BY PRESIDENT GISCARD'S REFUSAL OF A SECOND REQUEST TO MEET WITH HIM, SOVIET DISSIDENT ANDRE AMALRIK HAS CONTINUED TO PUBLICIZE HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE "APPLICATION OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS." HE APPEARED ON FRENCH TELEVISION FEBRUARY 22 WITH PCF SECRETARY GENERAL MARCHAIS TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION. MARCHAIS, WHILE UNDERSCORING PCF SOLIDARITY FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, ALSO REITERATED POLICY OF NONINTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. MARCHAIS DECLINED TO COMMENT ON GISCARD'S REFUSAL TO MEET WITH AMALRIK. HE ALSO PRAISED SOVIET APPROACH TO DETENTE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

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2. ON MORNING OF FEBRUARY 23, AMALRIK ONCE AGAIN RETURNED TO ELYSEE PALACE IN AN ATTEMPT TO MEET WITH GISCARD OR ANOTHER HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL. BEFORE BEING TURNED AWAY BY POLICE, AMALRIK DISTRIBUTED TRACT OUT-

LINING HIS POSITION, NOTING PARTICULARLY THAT A COUNTRY'S CONCERN OVER THE RIGHTS OF MAN IN OTHER COUNTRIES FOLLOWED FROM THE HELSINKI ACCORDS AND DID NOT REPRESENT INTERFERENCE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. STATEMENT ALSO NOTED THAT AMALRIK WOULD STAGE A HUNGER STRIKE IN FRONT OF ELYSEE TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR IMPRISONED SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND TO CALL ATTENTION OF FRENCH PUBLIC TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. BY EARLY AFTERNOON, AMALRIK WAS STANDING CLOSE TO ELYSEE, SURROUNDED BY SMALL CROWD OF PASSERS-BY AND JOURNALISTS.

3. COMMENT: AMALRIK'S CONTINUING PUBLIC APPEARANCES, INCLUDING LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH NEWSPAPER QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS, ARE BEING GIVEN HEAVY PLAY BY FRENCH NEWS MEDIA. AMALRIK ACCUSED GISCARD OF MAKING A DEAL WITH BREZHNEV --A VISIT TO PARIS IN RETURN FOR SILENCE ABOUT DISSIDENTS. HIS ACTIONS ARE DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION (THIS WEEK'S COVER STORY OF NEWS MAGAZINE LE POINT DEALS WITH THIS QUESTION). AS OF NOW THERE IS STILL LITTLE CRITICISM OF GISCARD'S REFUSAL TO MEET WITH AMALRIK. POLITICAL PARTIES ARE STILL REFRAINING FROM COMMENT, ALTHOUGH LE MONDE REPORTS THAT GAULLIST (RPR) NATIONAL DELEGATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS GUENA STATED THAT A GISCARD-AMALRIK MEETING WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND EVEN MARCHAIS NOW ACCUSES AMALRIK OF MEDDLING IN FRENCH INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN CREATING A SMALL DISTURBANCE IN FRONT OF THE ELYSEE, AND IN CRITICIZING GISCARD PERSONALLY, AMAL-  
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RIK HAS PROBABLY GONE TOO FAR. THE FRENCH PUBLIC ACCEPTS THIS BEHAVIOR FROM FRENCH CITIZENS BUT NOT FROM FOREIGNERS.  
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